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“Hammonds impresses clients with its approach:
‘It shares knowledge and discusses issues openly, while
always keeping the target in sight.’ Vassilis Akritidis
receives praise for his ‘efficient communication and
thorough understanding of the subject.’”

The Chambers Europe Guide (2009)

Ranking Hammonds as a top-rank WTO/International Trade firm

Hammonds LLP, at your service

Hammonds is a leading international law firm with offices throughout Europe and Asia. Hammonds provides legal expertise to public and private companies, governments, governmental institutions and regional development agencies worldwide on a wide range of legal issues.

Hammonds has had a strong presence in Brussels since 1991. Our Brussels office specialises in European and Trade law, and houses the majority of the firm's specialists in European Union (EU), Competition, Trade and World Trade Organization (WTO) law and Regulatory practice, thus advising on the whole spectrum of EU and WTO law.

Over the last 18 years, and in the course of its work in the capital of the EU, Hammonds Brussels has established an excellent working relationship with the European Institutions in all fields of Community competence, as well as with the permanent representatives of the EU Member States and the missions of several other countries in Brussels.

In a decentralised environment, our unique service to clients provides a "one-stop-shop" for trade law, anti-trust, competition and EU Regulatory advice.



Our trade law practice

Whatever business you are in and wherever you are based, trade law can affect how you and your competitors operate. While it can create significant business opportunities, it can also present substantial barriers to clinching new deals. The Trade Law Team at Hammonds can help you to make the most of any new opportunities and safely guide you through trade barriers to help you achieve commercial success in today's global market.

Hammonds has one of the leading trade law practices in Brussels, whose experience is recognised by clients and peers alike. Our lawyers have in-depth expertise in all WTO disciplines, including cooperation in EU trade defence investigations, and the representation of sovereign Governments before the WTO's Dispute Settlement Body. Our practice covers both traditional areas of GATT/WTO Law such as trade in goods, trade in services and intellectual property, as well as developing areas of trade and competition and trade and environment.

Our team of experts also has extensive experience in dealing with customs issues under the competence of the World Customs Organisation ("WCO"), national customs litigation, and export control.

In anti-subsidy, Hammonds' Brussels practice is an industry leader. Our lawyers have been involved in the majority of EU anti-subsidy investigations initiated in the past 15 years.

In all WTO-related areas, Hammonds' Brussels office advises not only private companies but also a number of EU and non EU governments.

APPLYING KNOWLEDGE

- Trade Defence Instruments
- WTO and Trade Agreements
- Customs and Export Control
- Litigation
- Commodities, International Trade & Energy, and International Arbitration

TALKING YOUR LANGUAGE

In addition to English, our experienced trade lawyers work in Chinese, Croatian, Dutch, French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish and Ukrainian.

More importantly, we all speak the language of business, your language. At Hammonds, we pride ourselves on being pro-active and commercially minded. You will find that we listen, we understand your business, and we talk with you, not at you. Our lawyers are pragmatists who find straightforward, cost-effective solutions to complicated issues of trade law, always keeping in mind interaction with other fields of law.

ADDING VALUE

You may need advice on other areas of law as well as trade. As a full service law firm, we have experts in all areas of business law, from anti-trust and competition, corporate, employment and finance law, through to pensions, tax strategies, dispute resolution and intellectual property. Our lawyers have extensive knowledge and insight into specific business sectors, such as air transport, energy, defence, media, telecommunications and IT, sports and entertainment, financial services, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, steel, sugar, grain, oils and oilseeds as evidenced by our long-standing track record in working and advising corporate clients in these areas. The Brussels Trade Law team is supported by Hammonds' Tax team located in Manchester.

TAKING ACTION

This brochure can only provide a flavour of the type of work we can do for you, the clients we serve and the success we have achieved on their behalf. To find out more about how we can help you please contact:

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“It’s the personal touch that differentiates... the lawyers make the effort to understand our business.”

Chambers and Partners, 2009

Trade defence instruments

“We are very proud that we have won such a significant victory in the history of EU anti-dumping policy. Hammonds’ professional and strong leadership in procuring this result was decisive.”

Nobu Ichikawa:
President, United
Chemi-Con Inc., USA

Hammonds has strong reputation in trade defence, having participated in over 100 investigations. Hammonds’ trade team has represented foreign and domestic producers, exporters and importers in a wide range of industries before both the European Commission and the Russian trade authority. Our work involves not only assisting clients in dealing with all aspects of investigations including drafting questionnaire responses and injury submissions, assisting with on-the-spot verifications, etc. but also includes advising clients on pre- and post-investigation matters.

Hammonds also assists governments in the implementation and application of international trade defence rules.

RECENT CASES INCLUDE:

EUROPEAN TRADE DEFENCE

Stainless Steel Fasteners (CVD and AD): currently advise several Indian stainless steel faster exporting producers in this combined anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigation which was initiated in August 2009.

Ironing Boards from China: currently represent the sole Chinese producer targeted in this EU anti-dumping investigation initiated on 2 October 2009.

High Tenacity Yarn of Polyester from China and Korea: currently represent four Korean producers, a large Chinese producer and more than ten users in the Community and their national associations in this investigation initiated on 8 September 2009.

Fasteners: Represented the largest Chinese exporting producer of fasteners to the EU, Shanghai Prime Machinery Company, in the anti-dumping investigation initiated in November 2007.

Hot dip metallic coated steel (HDMC): Represented a Chinese producer in the EC’s anti-dumping investigation on HDMC initiated in December 2007 and terminated for lack of injury in March 2009.

Seamless pipe: Provided preliminary advice to an interested party in connection with the “threat of injury”, in light of the relevant EU and WTO rules and jurisprudence, in the anti-dumping investigation initiated in July 2008.

Stainless steel cold rolls (SSCR): Represented a Korean producer of SSCR in the EU anti-dumping investigation against SSCR originating in China, Korea and Taiwan. In its provisional findings the European Commission found that this Korean producer’s margin was *de minimis*. This case was terminated at the definitive stage for lack of injury.

Hand pallet trucks (review): Instructed by one of the biggest Chinese exporting producers of hand pallet trucks and handling material into the EU, as well as representing over ten European importers in the review investigation of the anti-dumping measures imposed against hand pallet trucks originating in China. The investigation was concluded successfully in July 2008 with the exclusion of four products, as well as the clarification of the product scope.



Hand pallet trucks (circumvention): Represented the sole Thai exporting producer of hand pallet trucks in the anti-circumvention investigation of the duties against imports of Chinese hand pallet trucks by assembly in Thailand which was initiated in September 2008.

Monosodium Glutamate (MSG): Instructed by two Chinese exporting producers, one of which is the largest producer in China, in the EC anti-dumping investigation against MSG originating in China initiated in September 2007 and concluded in November 2008.

Polyester staple fibre (PSF): Represented the German Association of Textile and Fashion Industry, which accounts for around 10% of the total PSF consumers in the EU, in the review proceedings of anti-dumping concerning imports of PSF from Belarus, China, Korea and Saudi Arabia, initiated following the withdrawal in June 2007 of the provisional duties against PSF imported from Taiwan and Malaysia, which the German Association of Textile and Fashion Industry had secured with the assistance of Hammonds.

Steel wire ropes: Represents Usha Martin Industries Ltd, one of the world's largest steel wire rope manufacturers, in the interim review investigation of anti-dumping measures imposed on imports of steel wire ropes originating in India.

Sulphanilic acid: Represented Kokan Synthetics, the Indian sulphanilic acid producer, in two anti-subsidy review proceedings that ended in Autumn 2008.

Steel safeguards: Advised Russian and Indian steel exporters in the context of EU safeguards investigation concerning various products of steel.

RUSSIAN TRADE DEFENCE

Stainless steel flat products: Represented a major Chinese exporter to Russia on dumping and injury as well as a South African stainless steel association on injury before the Russian investigating authority, in the investigation initiated in April 2009.

Polymer coated steel: Represented all Korean producers of galvanised steel and the Chinese Iron and Steel Association (CISA) in the anti-dumping investigation concerning imports of polymer coated steel originating in Belgium, China, Finland, Korea, Kazakhstan, and Taiwan. This investigation was terminated at the definitive stage for lack of injury and/ or threat of injury. Arguments in relation to threat of injury were used by a third country government to challenge duties imposed on its companies, on the basis of threat of injury.

Safeguard investigation against imports of cutlery: Instructed by the Chinese Association of cutlery producers in relation to the Russian safeguard investigation initiated in April 2008 and concluded in Spring 2009.

“Working with Hammonds’ international trade team has been a pleasure. With the assistance of Hammonds, we achieved excellent results in Russian anti-dumping investigations. Their lawyers are client focussed, experienced, accessible, and their advice was always timely and to the point.”

Byongdal Soh: General Manager, Union Steel Co., Ltd

WTO and trade agreements



“Our trade team also advises countries and private organisations in the bilateral and regional spheres...”

Hammonds has in-depth expertise in advising governments and businesses on a number of WTO issues, including assistance in accession processes and litigation, as well as in trade negotiations. Our trade team also advises countries and private organisations in bilateral and regional spheres, in particular in the negotiation of agreements.

RECENT WORK INCLUDES:

Chinese Government: Regularly advising the Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) on WTO law and International Trade Law matters.

Russian Government: Advised the Russian Government in the negotiation and future implementation of Russia’s WTO accession. The topics examined include an analysis of the imposition of anti-dumping measures on behalf of a third country, the simultaneous introduction of anti-dumping duty and countervailing duty, non co-operation and partial co-operation in trade remedy investigations and an analysis of the concept of like products under WTO law and practice. Hammonds has given intensive training sessions aimed at raising the awareness of Russian industries, academics and national and regional government authorities on international trade matters, WTO practice, and institution building in view of Russia’s accession to the WTO.

Ukrainian Government: Recently instructed to assist the Ukrainian Government in the implementation of the EU-Ukraine Partnership & Co-operation Agreement, as well as on capacity building in favour of the Ukrainian administration.

India Government: Assisted the Government of India in a dispute with respect to the EU’s application of the non-discrimination principle in anti-dumping and countervailing duty proceedings against Hot Rolled Coils from India. This dispute was settled at the consultation stage, without being referred to a Panel.

Doha Development Agenda: Advising the Ministry of Trade of a WTO Member on the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) on an on-demand basis. We advised this WTO Member on a large number of issues, including subsidies, the collection of anti-dumping duties, serious prejudice, circumvention, the definition of the domestic industry, new exporter reviews, developments within the DDA Rules negotiations, and dozens of other topics.

Airbus-Boeing dispute: Assisting a WTO Member in the Airbus-Boeing dispute as a third party. In this high profile case, we advised on the legal issues relating to the application of the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and the Dispute Settlement Understanding, particularly in terms of the WTO consistency of government policies for development purposes.



Sugar quotas: Advising the largest single-plant sugar plantation in the world on all aspects of international Trade and EU Regulatory policies in relation to the importation and trade of sugar and its derivatives. Hammonds also advised a Caribbean sugar producer in the context of the EU-CARIFORUM Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) and successfully advised the company in its effort to obtain an individual export quota under the EPA.

Magnesium and refractories: Advising a large magnesium and refractories production group in Russia and in China with regard to a variety of international Trade and corporate issues, including representing the group's Chinese subsidiaries in anti-dumping investigations and advising on the group's M&A transactions in China and elsewhere.

Petrokemija: Advising this large chemical company in Croatia on International trade issues, including trade defence, and REACH compliance.

EU-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement negotiations: Advised an ASEAN member on issues involved in the ongoing EU-ASEAN Free Trade Agreement negotiations, with a focus on tactical issues regarding specific products and industries, as well as on legal issues relating to the negotiations.

Russian tax on scrap: Trade dispute settlement and interpretation of EC-Russia bilateral agreements, including a recent dispute on whether Russian export tax on scrap constitutes a violation of the PCA and the Steel Agreement, an export aid for the Russian steel industry.

Accession of new EU Member States: Advising various private undertakings on the schedule of accession of new Member States and the potential impacts upon their businesses, including advice as to the free movement of goods and persons, changes to the scope of anti-dumping measures, exhaustion of intellectual property rights, and possible transitional regimes for protection against disturbances in the economy caused as a result of enlargement of the internal market.

EU Retaliation against USA's FSC & Steel safeguards: Advising various interested parties on the impact of possible retaliatory action considered by the EU against the USA, in view of the US Foreign Sales Corporation Tax, and the imposition of steel safeguard measures.

“Hammonds deliver us value added on top of their highest professionalism. They bring a particularly commercial approach to their work by working with us as a team, interpreting complex factual circumstances in the light of even more complex legal rules and regulations, then steering and educating us through the legal minefield in order to achieve the best possible business results.”

Andrei Petrosian:
Deputy Director General
Novolipetsk Iron & Steel
Works, Russia

Customs and export control

We help clients understand and apply the rules, and can develop export compliance programmes that will ensure their peace of mind on an ongoing basis.

Hammonds assists its clients in a wide range of customs issues, including tariff classification, valuation, labelling, origin, preference programs, customs authorities' investigations, and export control. Hammonds' expertise in these fields is reflected in the successful outcomes achieved for our clients.

Hammonds has advised various importers and exporters in relation to EU preferential and non-preferential origin, including reference to cumulation rules and fraud investigations, and applications for successful binding origin rulings from customs authorities of EU Member States. Hammonds' team has also assisted various importers and exporters on correcting the customs classification of various products, including obtaining successful binding classification rulings from customs authorities of EU Member States.

Hammonds also specialises in advising corporate clients on all aspects of EU and national export control laws and regulations. We help them understand and apply the rules, and can develop export compliance programmes that will ensure their peace of mind on an ongoing basis. Our practice focuses on export restrictions on military and dual-use goods, as well as related services, as set out in the EU rules.

RECENT WORK INCLUDES:

UK customs investigations: Hammonds has advised a UK importer in customs investigations by the UK customs authorities alleging circumvention of anti-dumping duties applicable on products originating in the People's Republic of China. Hammonds achieved a compound settlement under highly beneficial terms for the client, i.e. 25% of the disputed duties.

Classification of liquid crystal display: Hammonds is assisting a German importer of liquid crystal displays used in the automotive sector in an appeal of a binding tariff information with the German customs authorities. Hammonds also advises this company in relation to the classification of LCD displays in various countries.

Origin of handling material assembled in Thailand: Hammonds is currently advising several companies on the classification of handling material assembled in Thailand. The customs authorities of several EU member states consider that these products did not acquire the declared origin, and are in fact of Chinese origin. EU customs authorities are claiming the payment of anti-dumping duties on all imports in the last 5 years from each of the importing companies. The case involves a complex analysis of the legal foundation (or rather the lack) of the EU's non-preferential rules of origin under the Community Customs Codes, and the ongoing WTO negotiations.



International battery producer: Hammonds has advised an international battery producer in customs proceedings alleging the export of dual-use goods without prior export classification. The case involved complex legal issues relating to the exhaustion of jurisdiction when dual-use goods are transferred between Member States and undergo working and processing before being exported. The case was successfully settled with the authorities.

Export of dual use goods to embargo countries: Hammonds has advised a client on its compliance with EU and German export control laws in relation to exporting goods to, and providing technical assistance for, goods located in embargoed countries.

General system of preference: Hammonds has advised the Vita Group on the impact of various trade preferences, in particular the General System of Preferences and on the company's business decision on whether to invest in certain non-EU countries.

Preferential rules of origin: Hammonds has advised a UK publishing agency that was requested by a customer to provide a supplier declaration that its products complied with the preferential rules of origin stipulated in trade agreements which the EU has entered into with certain third countries. This involved detailed advice on all respective preferential rules of origin.

Relocation of a semiconductor plant from the EU to the Far East: Hammonds has advised a client in the semiconductor industry in relation to the movement of a production plant from the UK to Taiwan, under the EU, French and UK export control rules for dual-use goods. The advice was given in cooperation with Hammonds' Paris and Leeds offices.

Export of certain car paints: Hammonds has advised an international company on the EU and national export control rules governing the export of certain car paints to a Middle East armed forces. The advice was given in co-operation with Hammonds' Paris office. The focus of Hammonds' advice was on EU and national export control rules for military and dual-use goods, as well as on embargoes and denied persons.

Export of certain coatings for aeroplanes: Hammonds has advised an international company on the EU and national export control rules governing the export of certain coatings for aeroplanes to Indian aeroplane manufacturers.

Pharmaceutical manufacturer: Hammonds is advising a large generic pharmaceutical manufacturer on all aspects of EU customs classification, origin of goods and free movement of goods within the EU.

Hammonds' expertise in these fields is reflected in the successful outcomes achieved for our clients.

Litigation



Hammonds represents clients before the European Courts in high profile cases covering all aspects of EU trade law. Hammonds' lawyers combine detailed knowledge of trade regulations with refined litigation skills in order to best serve its clients.

RECENT WORK INCLUDES:

Anti-dumping duties against polyester staple fibres: Representing the German Association of Textile and Fashion Industry before the European Court of First Instance in an appeal of the European Commission's decision not to terminate anti-dumping duties on polyester staple fibres originating in Belarus, China and Korea. This was due to lack of Community interest and discrimination (intervention in cases T-536/08 and T-537/08).

Anti-dumping duties against Chinese fasteners producers: Representing two large Chinese exporting producers of carbon steel fasteners before the European Court of First Instance against the Council Regulation imposing definitive anti-dumping duties against Chinese fasteners (Cases T-170/09, T-172/09).

Countervailing duties against Indian CD-Rom producers: Represented Moser Baer, one of the world's largest digital storage media producers, in court proceedings in the appeal before the European Court of Justice aimed at the annulment of the EC Regulation imposing countervailing duties on Indian CD-Roms.

Countervailing duties against Indian stainless steel bar producers (*Mukand & Others v Council*): In this landmark case, Hammonds appeared before the European Court of First Instance and obtained the annulment of definitive countervailing duties imposed on imports into the EU of stainless steel bars from India. This was and remains the only example of such annulment of countervailing duties, and set a landmark precedent in the linkage of trade law to anti-trust.

Anti-dumping against bed-linen producers in India and Pakistan: Successfully obtained a declaration of invalidity from the European Court of Justice of a regulation imposing anti-dumping duties on imports of a large producer and retailer of household goods, resulting in the reimbursement of all duties unduly collected (over £300 million).

Anti-dumping against fertilizer producers in Russia: Successfully obtained before the European Court of First Instance the annulment of a regulation extending the scope of the product concerned to products that were different to the product originally investigated.

Commodities, international trade & energy, international arbitration

Hammonds' expertise covers all aspects of international trade matters, both transactional and contentious, including all issues arising out of the international sale and carriage of goods by sea, air, road and rail, bills of lading, charterparties, international payment mechanisms (including letters of credit), trade finance, sanctions, arrest of ships & cargoes, contamination claims, and energy trading. We also advise on marine insurance and reinsurance issues.

In addition, Hammonds has a wealth of experience in both London and international arbitration. Hammonds specialise in the management of litigation internationally, and in the enforcement of judgements and arbitration awards in the UK as well as in overseas jurisdictions. We also conduct and manage negotiations, pre-trial settlements, *ad hoc* arbitration, mediation, early neutral evaluation, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.

Our longstanding experience has provided us with a unique insight into our clients' business, and this allows us to offer practical, quick and commercially realistic solutions.

OUR EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

Chemicals: Representing cargo owners in relation to several disputes concerning the contamination of dangerous chemical cargoes.

Oil sector: Advising a major petrochemical company on various contractual disputes in the oil sector.

Steel sector: Representing Swiss metal traders following claims made against them as intermediate bill of lading holders following the total loss of a vessel: *Primetrade AG v Ythan Ltd [2006] 1 All ER 367*.

Arbitration: Acting for several grain traders in numerous GAFTA arbitration claims. Also acting for oil and oilseed traders in numerous FOSFA arbitration references, including claims of up to USD 30 million.

Shipping: Advising an LNG shipping company on time charters, including off-hire clauses, and on shipping/ trading issues.

Gas & Power: Advising on wholesale gas, power and emissions trading arrangements.

Arbitration: Advising an Indian steel mill on quality/quantity disputes following the sale of hot rolled steel coils - multiple arbitrations in Hong Kong and London.

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Our Trade Law Team

International Trade & Customs Law



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Vassilis is a Greek-qualified dikigoros who joined the firm in 1994. He studied Law in Thessaloniki, Greece and subsequently obtained a Master's degree on EU Law from the Institute of European Studies (ULB) in Brussels. Vassilis now heads Hammonds LLP's Anti-dumping Unit. He has extensive experience in handling trade defence investigations including anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguards on behalf of European, Asian and American clients, and also advises governments on WTO law and practice. Vassilis has represented several corporate clients and governments in EU antitrust proceedings, trade defence proceedings before the European Commission and other jurisdictions and before the European Court in Luxembourg and the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. He is a regular writer and speaker on trade remedies under the WTO and the EU legal orders. He is fluent in Greek, English and French.

'Clients praised Vassilis Akritidis' excellent abilities.'
Legal 500

'Vassilis Akritidis is particiullary recommended for dumping cases. He advised Petrokemija on trade issues including trade defence and REACH matters, and counselled an ASEAN member on the free trade agreement with the EU.'
Chambers and Partners 2010



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Yves is a Brussels qualified avocat (attorney-at-law). He joined Hammonds LLP in 2007 as a senior associate from another leading international trade law firm in Brussels. He studied Law at the Université de Liège in Belgium where he graduated in 1999. In 2000, he obtained his LL.M. in international trade law from the University of Essex (United Kingdom), with distinction.

Yves specialises in various aspects of international trade and customs laws, with a particular emphasis on trade remedies. He advises governments and corporations on specific issues relating to EC, Russian and WTO international trade laws and practices; and regularly speaks at seminars and training sessions organised on various international trade law topics. He represents clients before the European Court of First Instance and the European Court of Justice in disputes relating to international trade and customs laws. Yves regularly writes on various WTO law topics, and he has been ranked as one of the leading trade law practitioners in the 2009 edition of the expert guides (www.expertguides.com), and as 'up and coming' trade lawyer by Chambers and Partners 2010.

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Jochen joined Hammonds in March 2007 after having worked with another leading international trade law firm in Brussels. Jochen obtained his undergraduate degree and a PhD in European law from the Vienna University and an LL.M. from Cornell Law School in New York State. He is a qualified NY attorney-at-law and a solicitor qualified in England and Wales.

Jochen works in both the trade and competition teams. He handles WTO-related matters and advises clients in relation to negotiations of FTA and EPA. Jochen has represented a third party government in a major WTO dispute settlement proceedings. He has profound experience in handling trade defence investigations including anti-dumping, anti-subsidy and safeguards. He also advises clients on various customs matters and on export control, including delivering compliance seminars and training sessions. Jochen speaks German, English and French and has basic knowledge of Spanish.



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Yongqing is an associate in Hammonds LLP's Competition, Trade & EU Regulatory practice based in the Brussels office and his particular expertise covers Trade law, EC law, WTO law and Chinese law. Yongqing joined Hammonds LLP in June 2007, after undergoing his academic training in a leading EC law study centre in France. Yongqing is an experienced Chinese trade expert, having worked with a number of major European law firms in Shanghai and advised clients in several FDI projects in China.

He advises governments in various trade and investment issues, as well as in FTA negotiation strategies. He has been actively involved in numerous trade defence investigations and has extensive knowledge in all aspects of anti-dumping proceedings. Yongqing also advises private parties and public bodies in litigation actions before the European courts in Luxembourg. Yongqing speaks Chinese, French and English.



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Yan is a Trade & Competition specialist based in the Brussels office. Her particular expertise covers international trade law, EU and Chinese competition law and EU regulatory law. Yan has advised major Chinese companies and the Chinese Government in connection with a range of trade, competition and EU regulatory matters, including anti-dumping, public procurement and EU antitrust/merger control. She has also advised multinational corporations on the competition and regulatory aspects of China-related foreign direct investment and cross border M&A. Before joining Hammonds in March 2007, Yan previously worked in international law firms in Beijing and Washington DC. She is a co-lecturer in International Economic Law at Queen Mary College, University of London, and has extensive research experience in all fields of WTO/EU law.





Tim Spence

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Tim has been based in the UK and Moscow for over a decade and has extensive experience in Russian trade defence laws and procedures. Tim advised Russia on trade and anti-dumping matter for over eight years as part of negotiations for its accession to the WTO, and built relationships with the Russian trade defence authorities, both at director and case handling levels. More recently, Tim has been advising all Korean and the biggest Chinese exporting producers in the two Russian anti-dumping investigation initiated against non-CIS countries.



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Beverley joined Hammonds in 1996. She has previously worked for HM Customs in every aspect of the Department's business including VAT, Excise, Customs and investigation in both the Investigation Division and a VAT Office Investigation Team. In 1993 she joined the Solicitor's office in Customs as a specialist VAT and Duties Tribunal advocate and represented Customs on numerous occasions in the tribunal at venues nationwide.

Trade & Competition



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Riccardo is a partner in our Competition, Trade & EU Regulatory practice based in the Brussels office. His particular expertise covers EC and national competition, regulatory and corporate law. Riccardo's experience in the antitrust field covers a range of markets. He is also involved in energy, regulatory and trade-related matters. He is increasingly dealing with issues concerning the interaction between competition and trade law.

Riccardo represents his clients within administrative and judicial proceedings before the European Commission, European Courts in Luxembourg, national competition authorities and national courts in the EU and beyond, including in the United States.



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Professor David O'Keeffe, a leading personality in Europe in the area of EU Law, is an Emeritus Counsel on EU Affairs of Hammonds LLP's Brussels office. He is a Professor of European Law at the University of London and at the College of Europe, Bruges and Warsaw, and a visiting Professor at numerous Universities including the University of Siena and University College, Dublin.

David has significant experience and has written widely on EU and trade law issues. He has advised inter alia on interpretation of the Latvian Europe Association Agreement concerning anti-dumping, on the interpretation of Russian Partnership and Cooperation Agreement and ECSC-Russia Steel Agreement, and on the first successful application for market economy status under EU trade law. David also advised on the importation of bananas under the Community banana regime and compliance thereof with the WTO. He is the Editor of the European Foreign Affairs Review, and author of the leading book on international Treaties Mixed Agreements.

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Marie is a senior associate in our Commodities and Shipping practice based in our London and Leeds offices. She has extensive experience in international trade disputes regarding the international sale and shipment of goods, particularly those involving hard, soft and liquid commodities (including alcohols, chemicals and LNG), letters of credit, voyage & time charters, bills of lading, general trading and trade finance disputes.

Marie's experience includes dealing with coal, oil, gas, grain, oil and oilseeds, metals, ethanol, fruit, and other commodities. Marie has been heavily involved in arbitration references under the auspices of GAFTA, FOSFA, ICC, LCIA, LMAA as well as *ad hoc* arbitrations and English High Court litigation.

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Mary is a senior consultant in our Commercial & Dispute Resolution practice based in our Hong Kong office. Her particular expertise in commercial dispute resolution covers Hong Kong High Court litigation, including the Court of Final Appeal, and arbitration. Mary has conducted domestic and international arbitrations including HKIAC, ICC, SIAC, LMAA, CIETAC and LOF arbitrations.

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